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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 28-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/28/00	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/21/00
BRO-FRY	160,185	156,422
LT HENS	1,749	1,337
HVY HENS	1,509	1,834

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEKS ENDING 21-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	347	6	353
LAST WEEK	293	9	302
SAME WK YR AGO	408	43	451
TO DATE 2000	19,369	310	19,679
TO DATE 1999	19,447	247	19,694

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,810	1,819	3,629
LAST WEEK	1,967	1,496	3,463
SAME WK YR AGO	2,360	1,655	4,015
TO DATE 2000	99,164	61,513	160,677
TO DATE 1999	106,975	59,649	166,624

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 21-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,273 (A)	1,463	1,813	3,276
AVG WT	4.97	3.66	7.90	6.01
LAST WEEK	150,464	1,674	1,487	3,161
SAME WEEK YR AGO	154,030	1,952	1,612	3,564
AVG WT	5.06	3.50	7.89	5.49
TO-DATE/2000	6,496,656	79,795	61,203	140,998
TO-DATE/1999	6,376,895	87,528	59,402	146,930

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.2 million head or 6.7 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	36,288	43,626	41,291
AVG WEIGHT	3.67	4.76	6.20
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	36%	34%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	29,940	32,778	39,016
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.76	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	32%	38%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	30,494	33,198	42,411
AVG WEIGHT	3.85	4.89	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	31%	40%
TO DATE/1998	1,356,171	1,373,287	1,652,090
TO DATE/1997	1,306,516	1,287,478	1,677,320

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-OCT-00  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,566	2,971	68	22	5,627
AVG WT	16.01	32.55	24.50	29.08	24.90
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,187	3,155	80	20	5,442
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,369 (C)		9	35	5,413
AVG WT	25.40 (C)		25.89	28.17	25.42
TO-DATE/2000	202,431 (C)		1,357	1,140	204,928
TO-DATE/1999	201,692 (C)		635	1,550	203,877

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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